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DALLAS, TEXAS.

## It's a Texas Fact!

Texans are the most frustrated people on the face of the earth. They have been accused of boasting. They have even been accused of lying at times, when speaking of the wonders of their state, but boasting or lying are two things a Texan cannot do for the simple reason that no matter what they may say--no matter to what oratorical, lyrical, or panegyrical heights they may soar--it is all true about Texas. Because they cannot lie or boast about their state as other more fortunate people can about their own every native born Texan acquires an inferiority complex early in life. It's a Texas Fact, that is the reason they seldom have anything to say.

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TO BE ON THE LEVEL  
YOU ALSO HAVE TO BE  
ON THE SQUARE.

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The man who is looking  
for an "angle" may not  
be crooked but chances  
are he isn't straight.

DALLAS' Richard N. Richardson Selected "Member of the Month" for July

Another unanimous vote confirmed Chairman Pickering's Work of the Department Committee choice when the USDA Board of Directors elected Mr. Richard N. Richardson "Member of the Month" for July. Mr. Richardson has been closely identified with USDA employee welfare activities for the past ten years, and has given unstintingly of his time to every type of program or activity of the USDA Club. He is presently a Director of the Club as well as serving on the Committee on Personal Acquaintance. Mr. Richardson has also given considerable assistance to such community projects

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G E M S .

UNMEASURED DISTANCE! UNPLUMBED DEPTHS!

We can only see a little of the ocean--  
Just a few miles distant from the rocky shore;  
But out there far beyond our eye's horizon,  
There's more--immeasureably more!

We can only see a little of God's loving--  
A few rich treasures from his mighty store;  
But out there far beyond our eyes' horizon,  
There's more, there's infinitely more!

--Dorothy Forges

(( We can only realize but dimly the blessings  
That shower upon us through God's open door;  
But out there far beyond our eyes' horizons,  
There's more--incalculably more!

## "MEMBER OF THE MONTH!.....

as the blood donor and TB Chest X-ray, polio drives, Community Chest, Red Cross and other related activities. He has also served long and well in the PMA Credit Union.

As a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars he has been active in helping needy veterans get proper assistance from the VA and he makes it a sort of hobby to visit them when they are in the hospital convalescing.

A native Texan, Mr. Richardson was born in Vernon Texas and attended Thorp Springs Christian College and North Texas State, getting his teacher's certificate. Being in the real estate business he felt right at home when joining the Agriculture Department in 1940.

Besides his real estate experience a look at Mr. Richardson's form 57 would show that he has been a clerk, produce buyer, manager of a loan agency, owner of an automobile sales agency, and insurance salesman (We didn't look at your 57 Richard). He served in world war one as supply sergeant, and spent over a year in combat in France and as a result suffered injuries that sometimes give him trouble 35 years later. He spent 3 years in five different government hospitals just before entering on duty with the USDA but you'd never know it from his cheerful disposition and rugged stamina.

Mr. Richardson started as a clerk with the predecessor agency of PMA and now holds the position of Administrative Assistant to Mr. Rector Meyer, Area Chief of the PMA Commodity Office. His current USDA activity is tied in with the coming cold plate party at Eubank's place. Just having him on the committee is enough to insure its success. He's that kind of person.

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## P M A MOVES TWO OFFICES.....

We are informed that the Office of Compliance and Investigation, formerly located in the Interurban Building, has been moved to 3306 Main Street.

The Area Office, PMA Food Distribution branch has been moved from its old location in the Norman Building to 1114 Commerce street.

(We take this opportunity to add that anyone on the USDA Club News mailing list either moving or scheduled to move in the near future will confer a favor on the editor if you notify the "manager of circulation" so the list can be kept current and you kept posted)

## ANOTHER PARTY COMING UP!!!

By "Popular vote" the next USDA party will be a cold plate affair at Eubank's place just this side of the Circle on Hines Blvd. This was the overwhelming choice of the USDA members. Their selection of the date was September 12 but after it was pointed out by several members that this date coincided with the opening game locally of the Dallas Texans professional football team, the committee in charge moved the date for the party to September 19. This will give those members who desire to attend both events the opportunity to do so.

For the benefit of those who might wish to substitute fish for the regular cold plate arrangements have been made for fresh-water cat-fish at no extra cost.

Entertainment features are being worked out and the editor has heard enough to feel that all attending can anticipate another fun-fest.

Further details will be given in a special circular. We advise everyone to make plans to be present.

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## P M A TIGHTENS UP ON SURPLUS FOOD PROGRAM IN TEXAS

John J. Slaughter has outlined 4 guarantees the state of Texas must comply with if the 500 schools throughout the state are to continue to receive free surplus food under the USDA surplus food program administered by PMA. Legislative compliance is indicated next year.

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JAMES L. ( Jimmy ) HYLES, EDITOR.

#### F H A SUPERVISOR COMPILES PERFECT COLLECTIONS RECORD

Michael B. Watson, FHA county supervisor located in Graham Texas, servicing Young, Jack, and Stephens counties, has a perfect record of collections on loans.

During the six years he has been stationed there he has made about 500 loans of approximately one million dollars. This averages \$200.00 per borrower. Since these are loans that banks cannot make because of the lack of adequate collateral security, it speaks well for the honesty and integrity of FHA borrowers as well as reflecting great credit on Mr. Watson as a county supervisor who really "supervises".

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The editor is in receipt of a request from Mrs. Mary Griffin, former FHA employee, that we express her deep, sincere, and heartfelt gratitude to her USDA friends who helped her bear the loss of her daughter by their kindness and expressions of sympathy. Her daughter passed away recently in a local hospital.

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Dairy farmers see a price hike in milk due to the severe drouth which has parched pastures everywhere.

The following teletype was received in all 9 PMA Commodity Offices, including Dallas, and is self-explanatory:

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SPECIAL LIMITATION FOR CASH AWARDS FOR F Y 1953 IS AS FOLLOWS: .319 CASH AWARDS TO PERSONNEL (OR TO THEIR ESTATES), AT NOT TO EXCEED \$1000 PER AWARD, PUBLIC LAW 600, APPROVED AUGUST 2, 1946, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, 1953.

J W VAUGHAN

This copy was sent to the USDA Club News by Edward O. Bart, Chairman, Employee Suggestion and Awards Committee, PMA Commodity Office, with the request that it be published for PMA employees who are participating in the Suggestion Awards Program.

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#### Did You Know:

.....That if all the people in the world started counting the number of atoms in a single drop of water, it would take them about 10,000 years to complete the task?

.....That if all the ice in Antarctica were spread out evenly over the world the entire globe's surface would be covered by a layer of ice over 100 feet thick?

.....That if a person in Gander Newfoundland had shouted "There he goes" as the ocean-spanning jets left the other day in their record-breaking flight across the ocean, it would have been almost a dead heat between his voice and the jet plane as both arrived in London?

.....That if all the bread baked in this country in a single day were placed end to end the bread line would reach from Seattle, Washington, to Miami, Florida, and back again?

## PMA POULTRY BRANCH REGIONAL OFFICE MOVED TO IOWA

The Poultry Branch, PMA, room 572 Terminal Annex, has since its establishment in Dallas, been the regional office for a nine-state area including Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, under the direction of John A. Hamann. The Texas State Office has as its chief function the serving of industry and other Federal agencies with inspection and grading of poultry products. It is under the supervision of J.A. Bybee. The Dallas Regional office was recently abandoned with Mr. Hamann being transferred to Washington, D.C. as an assistant in the Marketing Services Division of the Poultry Branch. Regional supervision will come from the Des Moines office in the future, with the administrative set-up of the Texas State office remaining unchanged.

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## MISS FAE RAY MARRIES, RESIGNS FROM PMA

Taking her office coworkers by surprise, Miss Verna Fae Ray, employed in PMA's Office of Compliance and Investigation, was married to Lieut-Col. Edward Whisnant, an old friend, in York, South Carolina, while on her vacation recently. She has resigned, effective Friday, August 29, preparatory to moving to Indianapolis to be with her new husband, who is stationed nearby. Colonel Whisnant is a career army man having served in the Adjutant-General Corps during the last war, and he is still assigned to that branch of the army.

We are sure all Mrs. Whisnant's many friends join with the editor in wishing her and her husband a lifetime of happiness and joy.

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## MOTHER NATURE'S HEALING TONIC

When grieved with problems and woes and ills,  
I take my way to the friendly hills  
On old companionate roads that wind  
Thru field and forest; and there I find  
That still the valleys are rich and green,  
The air is good, the sky is clean,  
The corn still marches in crested ranks,  
The woods still wave on the mountain flanks,  
The squirrel knows where his nuts are hid,  
The river flows as it always did,  
And the cows still graze in their old content  
In spite of human mis-management!

--Arthur Guiterman

THE SHELTERING SHADOW  
OF ONE MAN

In 1922 in a large Eastern city a "Humanitarian Fund" was set up, and during the past thirty years over thirty million dollars has been paid out to thousands of individuals in need, to hospitals, for medical and other projects, all this time without the benefactor being known save to a few trusted coworkers.

He remained anonymous until his death, when it was disclosed that he was Mr. Robert White, founder of the Cuticura Soap Company. He had directed that every two out of three dollars in profits were to be given back to worthy recipients through the Fund.

"The more we gave away," said one executive of the company, "the more we prospered."

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RECORD DROUGHT MAKING IN-  
ROADS ON FARMER-CATTLEMEN  
RESERVE RESOURCES.

With Dillard P. Lasseter's promise to throw the full resources of Farmers Home Administration into the battle, farmers and cattlemen of the south and southwest took heart after one of the most severe droughts of recent history had taken toll in farm products, and feed and pasturage. Losses to farmers have run into millions of dollars a day in corn, cotton, cattle, and feedstuffs. There will be loans available for both disaster and drought categories, possibly from both FHA and CCC, the last being available from the President's emergency fund.